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PRESS RELEASE

State Auditor R. Thomas Wagner, Jr. releases the first in a series of reports on how Delaware is using consultants. The Office of Management and Budget, Division of Facilities Management report identified a number of areas needing improvement from correcting State account coding accuracy to implementing a project management process that will ensure the cost effective use of consultants. In one instance, eliminating the use of staffing firms to supplement approved vacant State employee positions would save the State just over \$300 thousand annually. The audit report has 12 recommendations which the State has started efforts to review and implement.

This audit also included a recommendation that touched on a state-wide problem with employees not being required to submit formal time reports via the Payroll/Human Resource Statewide Technology system known as PHRST. Consistent Statewide use of the PHRST time and attendance would make employees accountable for their work performance on a day-to-day basis and provide a management tool to monitor employee productivity.

The full report can be found at: [Division of Facilities Management Performance Audit - July 1,2009 through March 31,2010](#)

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